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Mr. Toby Cotter
City Manager
City of Bullhead City
2355 Trane Road
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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year (CY) 2021 Colorado River Water Diversion – Bullhead City (City)

Dear Mr. Cotter:

The Bureau of Reclamation has received the City's CY 2021 Colorado River water diversion estimate. In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417 (Part 417), this letter provides the City with notice of my determination regarding the City's proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water for CY 2021.

Under Contract No. 2-07-30-W0273, as amended, the City is entitled to divert up to 15,210 acre-feet (AF) per year of Arizona fourth priority Colorado River water for use within the City's service area. Under two separate subcontracts with the Mohave County Water Authority, the City is also entitled to divert up to 9,139 AF per year of Arizona fourth priority Colorado River water.

Reclamation notes that, in September 2017, the City commenced operation of its treated effluent Injection Well System project funded under the Pilot System Conservation Program. In accordance with System Conservation Implementation Agreement No. 15-XX-30-W0587, as amended, the City will operate the Injection Well System in CY 2021 to create System Conservation Water, which will remain in Lake Mead for the benefit of Colorado River System storage. In a letter to Reclamation dated November 6, 2020, the City provided its estimate that the Injection Well System will create 360 AF of System Conservation Water in CY 2021.

Based upon a review of the CY 2021 diversion estimate provided by the City, and the information gathered during Reclamation's Part 417 consultation, I approve the diversion of up to 12,720 AF of Colorado River water during CY 2021 for use in the City's service area. Incorporating the City's anticipated injection volume, this approved diversion results in an estimated consumptive use of 8,163 AF.

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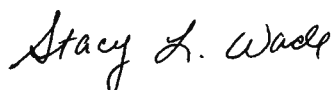
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Reclamation will monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during CY 2021 in an effort to assist each entitlement holder in ensuring its annual approval amount is not exceeded. Beginning in January 2021, these projections will be available to water users each day on Reclamation's website: www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast.pdf. It is expected that Arizona entitlement holders will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities or, as appropriate, seek modification of the approval.

Thank you for submitting the City's diversion estimate for CY 2021. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Jeremy Dodds, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at (702) 293-8164 or jdodds@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,



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